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¶1. (U) Poloff met with Ministry of Foreign Affairs Deputy Director of Political Affairs Warren Gunda on May 10 to discuss reftel talking points. Gunda thanked Poloff for the information, however offered no substantive comment as the issue is largely being dealt with in the Ministry of Health. On May 11 Poloff and USAID Health team colleagues met with Ministry of Health Principal Secretary Chris Kang'ombe, who will attend the Assembly session. Kang'ombe thanked mission officials for the briefing, and promised to pass along the information to the Minister of Health, who will also attend the session in Geneva. Kang'ombe did not, however, offer substantive comments on AI or smallpox, but seemed open to the USG perspective on these two issues. Any further information will be reported septel.

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